

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. Call the roll.

CLERK: Called the roll. (page 727 of the Journal). 29 ayes, 6 nays on the motion to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Senator Cullan moves to raise the Call. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 23 nays on the motion to raise the Call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: We stay under Call. The debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Merz for purpose of closing debate on this matter.

SENATOR MERZ: For you, Mr. President, and for members of the Legislature and for you that weren't here when we started this debate, all this is is so we can have a hearing on this bill on the 20th of February. This was passed out to each member, a copy of the problem with Omaha. I think you all know about it and I don't want to take up your time, but as you know there is a few Senators here from Omaha that are complaining and for their information, I have no intentions of backing down. I think I can stand on my own two feet and any time that I can't I want them to prove otherwise. As it now stands, I think that this is needed. Omaha is a part of the State of Nebraska. Sometimes I think we forget this and as it looks to me like we kind of separate people around here and this wasn't my intentions of separation so I think you know what it is all about and let's have a vote. I move the motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Just to correct the records for those who came, this is not for a hearing. This is to put the bill ahead of everything on General File.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk, would you read the motion?

CLERK: Mr. President, the motion reads as follows: "To instruct the Speaker to place LB 902 for debate on February 20, 1978, as a special order item for thirty minutes only."

PRESIDENT: All right. Record your vote. We are under Call. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 10 nays on the adoption of the Merz motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, now Mr. Speaker, will you make that order? All right. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, does that mean for that day only or for however many days it takes?

PRESIDENT: The Speaker will have to advise you of that, Senator Chambers.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Oh, no. It is a special order for a half an hour only. That is the way it was asked and that is all the time that is going to be devoted to it on the 20th. One half hour only. Half the time that we have discussed it today almost.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cullan moves that the Call be raised. Record your vote. Record.